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## COT Security Alert

Email users should be advised of the possibility they may receive a phishing email claiming to be from "Treasury Member" or "TDFCU".   If this email is received it should be deleted from both the Inbox and Deleted Items mailboxes.

Phishing emails are emails that are designed to trick recipients into clicking on links and supplying personal information which is often used later to fraudulently access or create financial accounts for the purpose of theft.  Any email requesting PIN numbers or other personal information is suspect.  Legitimate institutions do not use email to contact customers for the purpose of obtaining personal information.  For more information about the dangers of phishing emails see http://www.microsoft.com/protect/yourself/phishing/identify.mspx or http://onguardonline.gov/phishing.html.

COT Security Administration advises users not to open spam on any occasion, and never to click on unexpected attachments or links in emails unless the source is verified.

*NOTICE: COT is providing this information so that you are aware of the latest security threats, vulnerabilities, software patches, etc. You should consult with your network administrator or other technical resources to ensure that the appropriate actions for these alerts are followed. If you are a network administrator and need additional information, please call the Help Desk at 502.564.7576.*

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